

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the Title. Applicant has amended the Title in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13-15, 18 and 23-25 have been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 13. Claim 13 has been canceled. Claims 12 and 14-18 are now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 1, 4, 12, 16 and 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Mar.

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to include a limitation relating to a timer to measure the predetermined period of time. There is no teaching or suggestion in Mar for this feature. Claims 1 and 19, as well as their respective dependent claims, are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mar in view of Hongo. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable for at least the reason recited above.

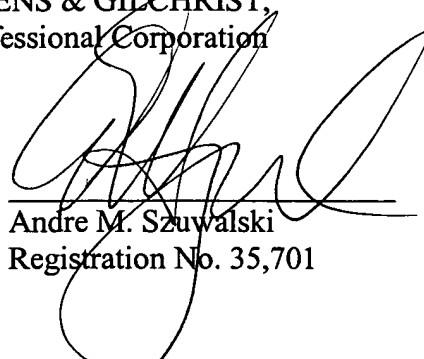
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Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for favorable action and allowance.

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